(b) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn by some steel manufacturers and Government departments towards the economic loss being suffered by steel industries due to the inferioir quality of coal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what concrete steps have been taken by Government for improvement of quality of coal supplied alongwith the increasing quantity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Sponge Iron Manufacturers Association (SIMA) has been representing about quality of non-coking coal being supplied to the coal based sponge iron units. In their paper submitted to Ministry of Steel in February, 1995, SIMA had highlighted the impact of quality on operational as well as economic aspects of coal based sponge iron units.

(d) Coal companies have taken steps like installation of coal handling plants, segregation of stone/shales at the time of loading of coal, better supervision and encouraging the consumers to post their representatives at the loading point. Complaints relating to quality as well as quantity are being examined by the concerned coal companies on merit of each case and corrective action taken to reduce the grievances of the consumers.

Raids on the Residence of Super Bazar Officials

2070. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Super Bazar Officials whose premises were raided by the C.B.I. during each of the last two years, yearwise;

(b) the names of places where such raids were conducted;

(c) the value of the illegal assets recovered from them;

(d) the number of staff/employees/officers convicted and acquitted separately; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUIBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) It has reported by the Super Bazar that they do not have any information in respect of raid conducted by C.B.I. at the Office/Residential premises of any of its official during the last two years.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

दो वर्ष पहले गेहूं और चावल का खरीदा गया भंडार

2071. **श्री राघवजी** : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि दो वर्षों पहले सरकार द्वारा खरीदे गये गेहूं और चावल के भंडार की मात्रा कितनी है?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजित सिंह): 1993-94 से पहले के तीन वर्षों के दौरान केन्द्रीय पूल के लिए निम्नलिखित खरीद की गई: